

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 338 - HB 1857

February 26, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides Workers' Compensation claimants access to TennCare physicians or surgeons, in addition to employer selected physicians, if such TennCare providers agree to accept the same reimbursement for treatment of the injured employee as they would receive from TennCare.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 - Claims Award Fund**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

Currently under the state's Workers' Compensation PPO network, an injured employee may choose a physician for treatment from a panel of three physicians. Significantly increasing the number of health care providers who could treat Workers Compensation claimants would likely result in increased administrative costs and increased rates paid for treatments.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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